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Indoor concerts at the venues available on campus also present Giant Productions with several problems.

"When scheduling a band, Giant also has to consider the wear and tear on staging, and the power grid," Goodstein said. "Places like the Great Hall don't have the capacity and outlets to hold large shows. The way the room is wired, it prohibits us from doing shows that require a lot of lighting. It's limiting."

At times, electrical considerations and the venue limitations have forced Giant Productions to decline certain bands. Moby, a DJ who specializes in dance and techno music, is one such artist.

"We had to turn down Moby, because they had so much equipment," Scarr said. "It was solely because he had a production that was two trailers full."

Despite these obstacles, Giant was able to book the band MxPx to play last semester. But in the end the band called off the show due to an illness of one of the band members.

"Although they canceled, I think getting MxPx was a great thing. It was definitely more than I expected," freshman David Zedonek said.

While Mary Washington College may not be able to support bigger-name bands, smaller bands and lesser-known artists have found the campus accommodating to their needs. Lucky Town, a guitar based rock band rising in popularity along the East Coast, played at Rocktoberfest during the fall semester. Recently, the Underground was host to the jazz band Blues Works, and in the Great Hall on Jan. 27 Giant Productions and the Symphonics will host the a Capella group, Ball In the House.

"We are looking into some of the smaller bands all the time," Darcy said. "I would like to have some big shows, but the little ones totally widen the scope of music I listen to."

Elena Rousseau, a junior, believes that smaller, more diverse bands may actually be beneficial to students.

"The music culture on our campus has a lot of room to expand and diversify," Rousseau said. "I think we've got a lot of kids that would respond really well to some different things."

According to Goodstein this is exactly what Giant Productions is aiming for.

"The idea of Giant is to provide continuous and ongoing entertainment the whole year," Goodstein said. "The bottom line is we can't do *NSYNC and groups like that. We don't have the facilities. Also, whenever you start talking about the more major bands, it drives all the costs up. Which in turn would force us to look at ticket costs."

Every year, Giant Productions is given a specified amount of money for the two semesters. The budget is based on the previous year's expenditures and proposed budget for the coming year. According to Goodstein, the current budget for Giant is \$83,368.

"The funds we have now are about \$10,000 less than last year's budget," Scarr said. "We thought we had money left over from last year, and after we did the new budget we realized the money wasn't there."

Due to the costs it takes to book an act, the decrease has added to the complications Giant Productions faces when scheduling events.

"Bands have fixed prices for their concerts," Scarr said. "Most major acts can cost anywhere



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Jane Addicks and Brad Johnson discuss Giant Production issues.

from \$20,000 to \$100,000. Also, there's a lot of money that goes into shows, it's way more than just the price of the band."

According to Scarr, if the band requires a bigger sound system than the one the college owns, thousands of dollars can be added on to the costs. Combined with hospitality expenses such as hotels and catering for the bands, these expenditures drive down the cost effectiveness of larger productions.

"Bigger auditoriums can hold lots of people and make money back on the concerts," Scarr said. "We can't sell as many tickets with such a small location. So in the end, we would lose money."

To some students though, big name acts aren't a big deal.

"I think they do a good job with what they have," Rousseau said. "It doesn't matter about the name or the size of the show, just as long as it's great music."

Bill Would Increase College Funding

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respectively for expansion, renovation, and maintenance of college buildings and roads across the state.

The more controversial bill, dealing with the ratio of in-state and out-of-state students initiated by Del. James K. O'Brien (R-Fairfax) and Del. John Reid (R-Henrico) requires the governing bodies of public four-year institutions of higher education, beginning with the incoming freshman class of fall 2004, to maintain a ratio of the in-state and out-of-state student population in each incoming freshman class that is not less than 75 percent in-state students.

Out-of-state students make up more than one-third of this year's freshman class at Mary Washington College.

Members of the college's VSLA team had an opportunity to speak with O'Brien about the bill. Lydon said he felt VSLA efforts were well received, but Messenger said he was not as pleased with O'Brien.

"He's pretty set on his bill, so we weren't able to dissuade him, unfortunately," Messenger said. "He believes that the schools will be able to find other sources of revenue to make up for the loss in tuition from admitting fewer state students. Perhaps this would be true for the larger schools like the University of Virginia and Virginia Tech, who have more students overall and a large alumni base. Smaller schools like MWC and Radford would be the hardest hit, as we do not have the resources like the crown jewels of the Virginia higher education system."

The alliance had more success on some other bills, according to Lydon. He said they successfully lobbied Del. Michel McQuigg (R-Prince William).

"McQuigg said she was on the fence on some of the bills, and we pushed her one way or the other," Lydon said. "We really pushed the \$900 million bond bill because it does affect things like

Goodrick and repairs to fire alarms, things this school desperately needs."

The team's lobbying efforts should be furthered by the upcoming trip that Ron Singleton, senior vice pres for advancement and college relations, and William Anderson, college president, intend to make to Richmond.

Winslow mentioned the difficulty in getting representatives from so many schools to cooperate on the same issue.

"Overall, I think the idea of VSLA is a sound one, however there are some areas in which we need to improve," Winslow said. "For instance, some VSLA folks lobbied for their institution rather than for VSLA—a bad idea when you're trying to establish credibility for a new group in Richmond."

The next VSLA meeting will be held at Mary Washington College, with the group's primary goal being to reform the organizations constitution.

"We don't really have any set order about how we go about deciding what we're going to lobby and what student needs are," Lydon said.

The group wants a new constitution to read that, within the VSLA every college will find two or three bills to support. If every school can't get behind the bill, VSLA won't lobby for the legislation.

The next meeting will also feature an award ceremony for the BOV member who drafted the BOV student representative bill that the VSLA lobbied last year.

But in the meantime, according to Winslow, Mary Washington College's VSLA members are very happy with Monday's efforts.

"From what I saw in Richmond, Mary Washington has the most effective Legislative Action Committee in the whole state," Winslow said. "We were definitely noticed. We got the job done."

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Abdel Baset Ali Mohamed Al-Megrahi, one of the two Libyans accused of murdering 270 people in the 1988 Lockerbie bombing, was found guilty of mass murder yesterday. The co-defendant, Al Amin Khalifa Fhimah, was found not guilty. The verdicts came after a 12-year investigation led by Scottish police and CIA investigators. Megrahi, 48, will serve his sentence in a prison in Glasgow, Scotland. He is required to serve at least 20 years before being eligible for parole. Megrahi and Khalifa were accused of planting a bomb on Pan Am Flight 103 which blew up over Lockerbie, Scotland on Dec. 21, 1988, killing all 259 passengers aboard and 11 people on the ground.

New State Flag Approved For Georgia

Wednesday morning, the governor of Georgia signed a bill authorizing a new state flag that contains a smaller Confederate battle emblem than before. The bill, which needed 29 votes to pass, was approved 34-22 by the Georgia Senate Tuesday, following an emotional debate dealing with themes of Southern heritage and racial sensitivity. Many African-Americans had objected to the former state flag's prominent display of the Confederate battle emblem, saying it was a harsh reminder of slavery. Supporters of the former flag, which was raised in 1956, claimed it was reflection of Southern heritage and pride.

Football Star's Grandparents Robbed While Attending Super Bowl

While Ray Lewis' grandparents were in Tampa watching their grandson lead the Baltimore Ravens to a Super Bowl win, someone broke into their house. After prying open a living room window to get in, the culprit stole a 36-inch television set and a vacuum cleaner from the home of Gillis and Elene McKinney, who live about 45 miles east of Tampa. No arrests have been made. It had been publicized that the McKinnys would be attending the Sunday's game against the New York Giants. Last year, Lewis faced two murder charges in connection with a double slaying outside an Atlanta nightclub the morning after the 2000 Super Bowl. He pleaded guilty and the murder charges were dropped.

Smaller Holes In Swiss Cheese

The government announced last week that Grade A Swiss cheese will be allowed to have smaller holes. This will prevent the cheese from getting tangled in high-speed slicing machines. The previous weekend, doubt was casted on the change when the White House imposed a moratorium on rules issued in the final days of the Clinton administration. Officials from the USDA decided the moratorium was a notice and not a regulation, so they approved the downsizing of the holes. The new Swiss cheese hole standard, which takes effect Feb. 22, will reduce the size of the holes from 11/16 of an inch in diameter to 3/8 of an inch.

Fake \$200 Bill Used At Dairy Queen

A customer at a Dairy Queen in Danville, Ky. used a fake \$200 bill to pay for a small food order. The bill featured a picture of President George W. Bush and a depiction of the White House. It also read "We love

Police Beat

By RYAN HAMM
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Jan. 20—A student in Mercer Hall complained about receiving a harassing phone call. Police went to the room and tapped the phone. On the next call, the officers heard a lot of heavy breathing. The officers did a computerized check of the call at Voice Services. They currently have the name of an on-campus student who allegedly made the call, but the case is still under investigation. The police will be required to prosecute the caller with a class one misdemeanor under state law.

Jan. 23—A hit and run accident occurred when an employee of the Wood Company parked in the parking spot reserved for the Wood Company manager and someone hit the car, damaging a rear light. The damage is estimated at \$30. The incident is under investigation.

Jan. 24—A hit and run accident occurred in the Sunken Road North lot when someone bumped the front right side of the corner panel of a car, putting a dent in the fender. The damage is estimated at \$300. The investigation is pending.

Jan. 24—At 5:38 p.m. campus police went to Seacobeck Hall in reference to a call about a suspicious person. Ricky Hartzwell, 42, of Fredericksburg was allegedly found lying in the grass by the generator. Hartzwell was

arrested and taken to the Rappahannock Regional Jail for allegedly being drunk in public.

Jan. 26—Patricia Anne White, 54, of Fredericksburg was stopped at 9:50 p.m. on Sunken Road for reckless driving. White was taken to the Fredericksburg police station where she was charged with DUI and reckless driving.

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"I encourage everyone who might be considering moving off campus or who are afraid of not getting housing to come," Jarvis said. "It can be difficult to find off campus housing but this may help."

Jarvis said she supports Wallinger and Templeton's attempts to have their voices heard by administration.

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Porter guaranteed that most people who want to live on campus will be accommodated, although the only question is when the students will find out what their housing situation is.

"I am glad that Porter accepted the invitation and helped to clear up some of the questions because she wasn't easily available right after she made the original announcement," Wallinger said.

One Percent Raise May Be In Future For Faculty

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increases for faculty, staff and administrators. But Hurley said that after Gilmore announced his proposed budget amendment, the college submitted an amendment request to raise professors' salaries by 3.8 percent (the amount recommended by SCHEV).

"Individually, each school doesn't have much pull, but because it impacts all of higher education, I'm sure the legislators are hearing from other schools too," Hurley said.

Hurley explained that the governor's office, along with the Department of Planning and Budget, looked at the average salaries at colleges and universities similar to Mary Washington College in order to determine their recommendation for the faculty salary increase.

Mary Washington College's "peer group" is comprised of 24 institutions across the country, including Colgate University, Mount Holyoke College and Susquehanna University. The governor's goal is to keep the faculty salaries at Virginia schools in the 60th percentile of faculty salaries for each school's peer group.

According to the governor's research, a 1 percent salary increase for Mary Washington College's faculty would maintain the college's 60th percentile

standing.

However, SCHEV determined that a 3.8 percent salary increase for the college's faculty is necessary to stay at the 60th percentile. The discrepancy between the governor's and SCHEV's recommendations is due to different methods of calculating the cost of living, according to Nardo.

Some Virginia colleges and universities fared worse than Mary Washington College in the governor's proposed budget.

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Gilmore is recommending no raise for the faculty at six schools, including Longwood College and Radford University. He proposes that professors at James Madison and George Mason universities receive a 0.3 percent salary increase. Faculty at the University of Virginia would receive the largest salary increase, 3.4 percent.

Under the governor's proposal, Mary Washington College's non-teaching staff and administration would receive a 3.5 percent salary increase to account for the increase in the cost of living.

The General Assembly will pass their budget bill, including salary increases, by the end of February. Gilmore will then review the bill, and if he vetoes it, the General Assembly will vote on a new budget bill in its April session.

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Education On The Chopping Block

In 1997, Jim Gilmore rode his proposal to phase out Virginia's personal property tax on cars all the way to the Governor's Mansion. The tax, which requires car owners to pay their local governments once a year based on the value of the cars they own, was much hated and a perfect target for the Republican candidate.

In the election, the Democrat running against Gilmore argued that the tax cut would require massive spending cuts that the state just couldn't stomach. Gilmore said the money was there—and it was—for the first three years of the car-tax phaseout. This year the state government was slated to cut 70 percent of the tax, and with state revenues falling, the money to pay for the tax cut is nowhere to be found.

Gilmore, who owes his election to his promise to ax the tax, has promised to veto any budget that does not phase out 70 percent of the tax. So to come up with money, Gilmore wants draconian budget cuts—cuts that would eviscerate funding for public education, transportation, mental health and higher education. Such cuts are not easy for politicians to stomach, and for good reason.

The responsible thing for the General Assembly to do would be to accept that Gilmore's election was indeed a mandate for getting rid of the car tax, and raise income taxes slightly to allow for the car tax cut to proceed while keeping funding for important programs intact.

In an age when voters want everything from the government but don't want to pay for it, an income tax increase is wildly unpopular and unlikely to happen. But the politicians and citizens of the Commonwealth cannot have their cake and eat it too, and something is going to have to give. We hope it's not public and higher education and other important government programs in Virginia.

Celebrating History

To celebrate Black History Month, the college has a stellar lineup of entertaining and educational events planned. On Feb. 7 in the Lee Hall Ballroom at 7 p.m., Nikki Giovanni, known for her strongly voiced poems and work on the front lines of the civil rights movement, will speak on campus.

After last semester's war between the administration and students concerned with multiculturalism and diversity, this month's celebration of minorities who had an impact on society is a fitting gesture by the administration to show that it might just care about multiculturalism after all.

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MWC Too Politically Correct, Local Says

J. TYLER BALLANCE
Guest Columnist

I returned to Mary Washington College for a visit a few days ago after being away for ten years. I really liked the new construction that has occurred. It was especially nice to see that traditional architectural styles were followed, so the original beauty of the campus was maintained.

I had hoped that by now the school would have added Monroe's name. It would be a fitting honor to one of our founders who was born near by.

I was startled to see all the politically-correct propaganda, the "multicultural" baloney and the emphasis on making you students think a certain political way, permeating the campus.

It is disappointing that the college has exchanged its original commitment of teaching you to seek the truth, wherever the pursuit leads you, for a twisted political agenda.

I'll address a few samples of truth that your PC-worshipping teachers won't bother discussing in class. The "under privileged": All through your developing years, you have been told that minorities are treated badly in America and that white people are principally responsible for keeping minority citizens from achieving their potential.

However, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, there are about 38 million white Americans living in poverty. This is greater than the entire black population (36 million) and the entire Latino population (33 million).

The ratio of whites living in poverty to blacks is 4:1 and the ratio of whites to Latinos is 4:1. Ask yourself

why most government and private aid programs are race-based.

Extinction of Americans: Even though many of you young women represent some of our brightest citizens, if current fertility rates continue, only 40 percent of you will marry and 25 percent will bear only one child sometime in your life. As more of you trade a career for a family, most births in the United States will be from the least educated women. Birth rates for native born U.S. citizens have dropped to one child per family.

If the next generation of women continue to go barren, most of population growth in our nation will be from immigrants. Ask yourself if your "career" will be there to hold your hand while you lay on your death-bed.

The "glass ceiling": Data from the U.S. Department of Commerce shows that women, who have the same experience level and continuity in similar jobs are paid as well, and in some career fields, better than men. In spite of this data, numerous media continue to parrot data fed to them by special interest groups that claim that

there remains a disparity.

When you are told by professors or media, "Studies indicate..." always dig into how the data was acquired, what questions were not asked and what special interest group (if any) supplied the data.

OK, that's enough truth for now. I don't want your political correctness-filled brains to explode from the shock.

My final advice is to always seek information from original documents whenever you can and be skeptical of the political slant your professors give to your lessons.

Celebrate the truth by having open and honest debates in your classes. Forcing a defense of a position to be based on facts will be the best lesson you can learn while at Mary

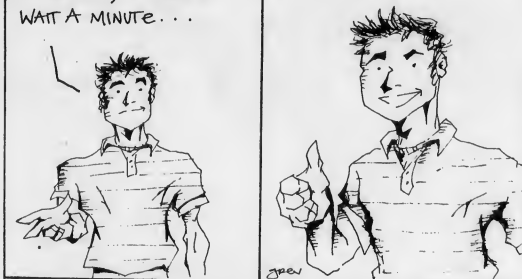
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BUSH, DICK AND COLON. RIGHT. NATION'S IN GOOD HANDS, HUH.



Cartoon by Greg Greven

Letters to the Editor

Synchro Stays Afloat With Help

Editor:
In regard to the recent article ("Bridge Over Troubled Waters," Jan. 25) concerning the synchronized swimming team at Mary Washington College, I would like to acknowledge that while we are facing difficulties that make it necessary to become a varsity sport in the near future to ensure the stability of synchro at MWC, we do receive a great deal of help and would not be able to compete without it.

It is true that we have to pay a lot of expenses out of our pockets, but the Finance Committee has helped us immensely. As an athlete representative, I am required to attend the United States Aquatic Sports Convention. The Finance Committee sponsored my trip, making it possible for me to represent both collegiate synchro and Mary Washington College.

Since the team started competing at nationals four years ago, the committee has helped the team to finance the trip. Without their support, we would not be able to compete at the level we do, and we are grateful for their continued assistance.

While it is almost impossible to support a club team that competes on the same level with other varsity squads, the Finance Committee helps to make it a lot easier.

Krissy Daniels
Junior

Agee Returns With His Convictions

Editor:
In response to Sarah Lucas' feature last week ("Stop In The Name Of Life," Jan. 25), I'll start by admitting that there's no arguing with the pro-life movement. Pro-life is a misnomer. They are anti-choice.

To be analogous, you would have to call pro-choicers "pro-death," or "pro-abortion," which is not the case. Everyone I know is pro-life. If they weren't, they would kill people. And I know no murderers. I also do not know anyone who has had an abortion, but that is beside the point.

I am in favor of free speech, even though people say things that annoy or even infuriate me. I don't want police to stop me and search me for no reason, even when I'm doing nothing wrong, though I'll concede that it would make the world at least appear to be a safer place.

I am pro-choice, even though I

would like to think I would never make the choice to which it refers. (For the record, though, I don't have a uterus.)

Like all ideologies on both sides of any issue, liberal or conservative, Lucas is intellectually dishonest. I quote her, "Many of the speakers also referred to the eight years under President Clinton as being a long, dark time during which almost no pro-life legislation was passed."

She neglects to mention that the number of abortions in the United States is drastically down, regardless of legislation—under the administration that could be described as the most ardently pro-choice in this country's history.

To quote a speechwriter for our new mannequin-in-chief, "This is an issue where good people can disagree." Let's not forget that America's first settlers were trying to get away from moral busybodies who thought they knew better, so much better that no one could be allowed to choose.

Any parent will tell you, if you let somebody choose he or she most often make the most responsible choice. Unless that somebody is the governor of a death-penalty state.

Mark Agee
Class of 2000

Anti-Protest Letter Draws More Ire On Campus

BENJAMIN JOHNSON
Guest Columnist

According to the Jan. 18 article in The Bulletin "Protest Of Inauguration Is A Protest Of America's Past," exercising one's freedom of speech by peacefully protesting a presidential inauguration is considered unpatriotic and even dangerous.

Even though I am not a member of the Human Rights Club, I believe that the criticisms and stereotypes the guest columnist made about those associated with the Human Rights club are false. Many of the arguments that were presented in her article were erroneous and libelous.

I agree with the author's opinion that America is a great nation, and I am proud to call myself an American. America is a country that has always been driven by big business.

Those in the business community who work hard and take risks deserve their monetary rewards. However these are the only points with which the author and I can agree.

By presuming that those who are members of the Human Rights Club, and anyone protesting against the inauguration of George W. Bush, are communist is a misguided conclusion.

I have lived in the former Soviet Union, and America is by far a much better place to live. Here you have freedom of speech and the right to criticize the government without the fear of being dragged down to a basement and shot. The fact that you can protest and petition the government is something that many Americans take for granted.

I must remind people that those protesting at the inauguration are not protesting against America's government and its presidency. They are voicing their views against the man George W. Bush and his political agenda.

If Al Gore were to have won the presidential election by the same margin as George W. Bush, undoubtedly there would have been people demonstrating against Al Gore and the Democratic Party.

The author claimed those protesting the inauguration of George W. Bush are unpatriotic, and are insulting those who have served in our Armed Forces. She claims that those Americans that are unwilling to go to war are unpatriotic. I must remind her, an enemy that was determined to invade our country, and destroy our way of life attacked our country in World War II. Thus justifying a reason to go to war.

The Vietnam War saw American troops fighting under poor political and military leadership against a determined enemy. Vietnam was the first televised war that showed the American people what war really was like. It was a war that scarred my father physically and mentally.

If it were not for those protesting back home reminding our political leaders that they were not doing their job as public servants, then most likely the war would have been dragged out longer and resulted in more casualties.

There is patriotism in our country today that the author of the article clearly does not see. The Gulf War had a 90 percent approval rating, even though it was fought largely to secure America's supply for oil. America has learned its lessons from the Vietnam War. Just because Americans today are wearier about sending troops abroad, doesn't mean that they are any less patriotic.

Freedom of speech and the right to protest is a great thing that is worth protecting. It is a tool that our political figures use as feedback to know how well they are doing their job, and so that they do not become isolated.

Those who peacefully demonstrated at the inauguration are not rejecting the constitution and what it stands for. They are exercising their freedom of speech by voicing their political opinion.

Benjamin Johnson is a sophomore.

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Libyan Guilty Of Lockerbie Bombing

Abdel Baset Ali Mohamed Al-Megrahi, one of the two Libyans accused of murdering 270 people in the 1988 Lockerbie bombing, was found guilty of mass murder yesterday. The co-defendant, Al Amin Khalifa Fhimah, was found not guilty. The verdicts came after a 12-year investigation led by Scottish police and CIA investigators. Megrahi, 48, will serve his sentence in a prison in Glasgow, Scotland. He is required to serve at least 20 years before being eligible for parole. Megrahi and Khalifa were accused of planting a bomb on Pan Am Flight 103 which blew up over Lockerbie, Scotland on Dec. 21, 1988, killing all 259 passengers aboard and 11 people on the ground.

New State Flag Approved For Georgia

Wednesday morning, the governor of Georgia signed a bill authorizing a new state flag that contains a smaller Confederate battle emblem than before. The bill, which needed 29 votes to pass, was approved 34-22 by the Georgia Senate Tuesday, following an emotional debate dealing with themes of Southern heritage and racial sensitivity. Many African-Americans had objected to the former state flag's prominent display of the Confederate battle emblem, saying it was a harsh reminder of slavery. Supporters of the former flag, which was raised in 1956, claimed it was reflection of Southern heritage and pride.

Football Star's Grandparents Robbed While Attending Super Bowl

While Ray Lewis' grandparents were in Tampa watching their grandson lead the Baltimore Ravens to a Super Bowl win, someone broke into their house. After prying open a living room window to get in, the culprit stole a 36-inch television set and a vacuum cleaner from the home of Gillis and Elease McKinney, who live about 45 miles east of Tampa. No arrests have been made. It had been publicized that the McKinneys would be attending the Sunday's game against the New York Giants. Last year, Lewis faced two murder charges in connection with a double slaying outside an Atlanta nightclub the morning after the 2000 Super Bowl. He pleaded guilty and the murder charges were dropped.

Smaller Holes In Swiss Cheese

The government announced last week that Grade A Swiss cheese will be allowed to have smaller holes. This will prevent the cheese from getting tangled in high-speed slicing machines. The previous weekend, doubt was casted on the change when the White House imposed a moratorium on rules issued in the final days of the Clinton administration. Officials from the USDA decided the moratorium was a notice and not a regulation, so they approved the downsizing of the holes. The new Swiss cheese hole standard, which takes effect Feb. 22, will reduce the size of the holes from 11/16 of an inch in diameter to 3/8 of an inch.

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A customer at a Dairy Queen in Danville, Ky. used a fake \$200 bill to pay for a small food order. The bill featured a picture of President George W. Bush and a depiction of the White House. It also read "We love

Police Beat

By RYAN HAMM
News Editor

Jan. 20—A student in Mercer Hall complained about receiving a harassing phone call. Police went to the room and tapped the phone. On the next call, the officers heard a lot of heavy breathing. The officers did a computerized check of the call at Voice Services. They currently have the name of an on-campus student who allegedly made the call, but the case is still under investigation. The police will be required to prosecute the caller with a class one misdemeanor under state law.

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Jarvis, who lives off campus, said she is concerned about

the students who are going to be left without housing and is trying her hardest to offer help and solutions for those students.

Jarvis is sponsoring a housing fair next Thursday from 2:30 until 5:00 p.m. in the Woodard Campus Center at which representatives from several area apartment complexes will be available to talk to students about spots available and the best ways to prepare for moving off campus.

"I encourage everyone who might be considering moving off campus or who are afraid of not getting housing to come," Jarvis said. "It can be difficult to find off campus housing but this may help."

Jarvis said she supports Wallinger and Templeton's attempts to have their voices heard by administration.

"I signed their petition and I fully support their decision to make the petition. I think they went about the right way of getting their voices heard," Jarvis said. "I don't like the decision that Residence Life came up with although I do give them credit for making the best out of a bad situation."

Porter guaranteed that most people who want to live on campus will be accommodated, although the only question is when the students will find out what their housing situation is.

"I am glad that Porter accepted the invitation and helped to clear up some of the questions because she wasn't easily available right after she made the original announcement," Wallinger said.

One Percent Raise May Be In Future For Faculty

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increases for faculty, staff and administrators. But Hurley said that after Gilmore announced his proposed budget amendment, the college submitted an amendment request to raise professors' salaries by 3.8 percent (the amount recommended by SCHEV).

"Individually, each school doesn't have much pull, but because it impacts all of higher education, I'm sure the legislators are hearing from other schools too," Hurley said.

Hurley explained that the governor's office, along with the Department of Planning and Budget, looked at the average salaries at colleges and universities similar to Mary Washington College in order to determine their recommendation for the faculty salary increase.

Mary Washington College's "peer group" is comprised of 24 institutions across the country, including Colgate University, Mount Holyoke College and Susquehanna University. The governor's goal is to keep the faculty salaries at Virginia schools in the 60th percentile of faculty salaries for each school's peer group.

According to the governor's research, a 1 percent salary increase for Mary Washington College's faculty would maintain the college's 60th percentile

standing.

However, SCHEV

"...We need to do more for the faculty than what the governor is recommending."

Paul Nardo

to Nardo.

Some Virginia colleges and universities fared worse than Mary Washington College in the governor's proposed budget.

determined that a 3.8 percent salary increase for the college's faculty is necessary to stay at the 60th percentile. The discrepancy between the governor's and SCHEV's recommendations is due to different methods of calculating the cost of living, according

Gilmore is recommending no raise for the faculty at six schools, including Longwood College and Radford University. He proposes that professors at James Madison and George Mason universities receive a 0.3 percent salary increase. Faculty at the University of Virginia would receive the largest salary increase, 3.4 percent.

Under the governor's proposal, Mary Washington College's non-teaching staff and administration would receive a 3.5 percent salary increase to account for the increase in the cost of living.

The General Assembly will pass their budget bill, including salary increases, by the end of February. Gilmore will then review the bill, and if he vetoes it, the General Assembly will vote on a new budget bill in its April session.

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Education On The Chopping Block

In 1997, Jim Gilmore rode his proposal to phase out Virginia's personal property tax on cars all the way to the Governor's Mansion. The tax, which requires car owners to pay their local governments once a year based on the value of the cars they own, was much hated and a perfect target for the Republican candidate.

In the election, the Democrat running against Gilmore argued that the tax cut would require massive spending cuts that the state just couldn't stomach. Gilmore said the money was there—and it was—for the first three years of the car-tax phaseout. This year the state government was slated to cut 70 percent of the tax, and with state revenues falling, the money to pay for the tax cut is nowhere to be found.

Gilmore, who owes his election to his promise to ax the tax, has promised to veto any budget that does not phase out 70 percent of the tax. So to come up with money, Gilmore wants draconian budget cuts—cuts that would eviscerate funding for public education, transportation, mental health and higher education. Such cuts are not easy for politicians to stomach, and for good reason.

The responsible thing for the General Assembly to do would be to accept that Gilmore's election was indeed a mandate for getting rid of the car tax, and raise income taxes slightly to allow for the car tax cut to proceed while keeping funding for important programs intact.

In an age when voters want everything from the government but don't want to pay for it, an income tax increase is wildly unpopular and unlikely to happen. But the politicians and citizens of the Commonwealth cannot have their cake and eat it too, and something is going to have to give. We hope it's not public and higher education and other important government programs in Virginia.

Celebrating History

To celebrate Black History Month, the college has a stellar lineup of entertaining and educational events planned. On Feb. 7 in the Lee Hall Ballroom at 7 p.m., Nikki Giovanni, known for her strongly voiced poems and work on the front lines of the civil rights movement, will speak on campus.

After last semester's war between the administration and students concerned with multiculturalism and diversity, this month's celebration of minorities who had an impact on society is a fitting gesture by the administration to show that it might just care about multiculturalism after all.

MWC Too Politically Correct, Local Says

J. TYLER BALLANCE
Guest Columnist

I returned to Mary Washington College for a visit a few days ago after being away for ten years. I really liked the new construction that has occurred. It was especially nice to see that traditional architectural styles were followed, so the original beauty of the campus was maintained.

I had hoped that by now the school would have added Monroe's name. It would be a fitting honor to one of our founders who was born near by.

I was startled to see all the politically-correct propaganda, the "multicultural" baloney and the emphasis on making you students think a certain political way, permeating the campus.

It is disappointing that the college has exchanged its original commitment of teaching you to seek the truth, wherever the pursuit leads you, for a twisted political agenda.

I'll address a few samples of truth that your PC-worshipping teachers won't bother discussing in class.

The "under privileged": All through your developing years, you have been told that minorities are treated badly in America and that white people are principally responsible for keeping minority citizens from achieving their potential.

However, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, there are about 38 million white Americans living in poverty. This is greater than the entire black population (36 million) and the entire Latino population (33 million).

The ratio of whites living in poverty to blacks is 4:1 and the ratio of whites to Latinos is 4:1. Ask yourself

why most government and private aid programs are race-based.

Extinction of Americans: Even though many of you young women represent some of our brightest citizens, if current fertility rates continue, only 40 percent of you will marry and 25 percent will bear only one child sometime in your life. As more of you trade a career for a family, most births in the United States will be from the least educated women. Birth rates for native born U.S. citizens have dropped to one child per family.

If the next generation of women continue to go barren, most of population growth in our nation will be from immigrants. Ask yourself if your "career" will be there to hold your hand while you lay on your death-bed.

The "glass ceiling": Data from the U.S. Department of Commerce shows that women, who have the same experience level and continuity in similar jobs are paid as well, and in some career fields, better than men. In spite of this data, numerous media continue to parrot data fed to them by special interest groups that claim that

there remains a disparity.

When you are told by professors or media, "Studies indicate..." always dig into how the data was acquired, what questions were not asked and what special interest group (if any) supplied the data.

OK, that's enough truth for now. I don't want your political correctness-filled brains to explode from the shock.

My final advice is to always seek information from original documents whenever you can and be skeptical of the political slant your professors give to your lessons.

Celebrate the truth by having open and honest debates in your classes. Forcing a defense of a position to be based on facts will be the best lesson you can learn while at Mary

J. Tyler Ballance is a community member.

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J. Tyler Ballance

SO GEORGE W. BUSH GETS ELECTED PRESIDENT AND DICK CHENEY IS HIS VICE-PRESIDENT AND COLON POWELL IS NOW SECRETARY OF STATE. WAIT A MINUTE...

BUSH, DICK AND COLON. RIGHT. NATION'S IN GOOD HANDS, HUH.



Cartoon by Greg Greven

Letters to the Editor

Synchro Stays Afloat With Help

Editor:
In regard to the recent article ("Bridge Over Troubled Waters," Jan. 25) concerning the synchronized swimming team at Mary Washington College, I would like to acknowledge that while we are facing difficulties that make it necessary to become a varsity sport in the near future to ensure the stability of synchro at MWC, we do receive a great deal of help and would not be able to compete without it.

It is true that we have to pay a lot of expenses out of our pockets, but the Finance Committee has helped us immensely. As an athlete representative, I am required to attend the United States Aquatic Sports Convention. The Finance Committee sponsored my trip, making it possible for me to represent both collegiate synchro and Mary Washington College.

Since the team started competing at nationals four years ago, the committee has helped the team to finance the trip. Without their support, we would not be able to compete at the level we do, and we are grateful for their continued assistance.

While it is almost impossible to support a club team that competes on the same level with other varsity squads, the Finance Committee helps to make it a lot easier.

Krissey Daniels
Junior

Agee Returns With His Convictions

Editor:
In response to Sarah Lucas' feature last week ("Stop In The Name Of Life," Jan. 25), I'll start by admitting that there's no arguing with the pro-life movement. Pro-life is a misnomer. They are anti-choice.

To be analogous, you would have to call pro-choicers "pro-death," or "pro-abortion," which is not the case. Everyone I know is pro-life. If they weren't, they would kill people. And I know no murderers. I also do not know anyone who has had an abortion, but that is beside the point. I am in favor of free speech, even though people say things that annoy or even infuriate me. I don't want police to stop me and search me for no reason, even when I'm doing nothing wrong, though I'll concede that it would make the world at least appear to be a safer place.

I am pro-choice, even though I

would like to think I would never make the choice to which it refers. (For the record, though, I don't have a uterus.)

Like all ideologies on both sides of any issue, liberal or conservative, Lucas' is intellectually dishonest. I quote her, "Many of the speakers also referred to the eight years under President Clinton as being a long, dark time during which almost no pro-life legislation was passed."

She neglects to mention that the number of abortions in the United States is drastically down, regardless of legislation—under the administration that could be described as the most ardently pro-choice in this country's history.

To quote a speechwriter for our new mannequin-in-chief, "This is an issue where good people can disagree." Let's not forget that America's first settlers were trying to get away from moral busybodies who thought they knew better, so much better that no one could be allowed to choose.

Any parent will tell you, if you let somebody choose he or she most often make the most responsible choice. Unless that somebody is the governor of a death-penalty state.

Mark Agee
Class of 2000

FAST FACT:

That infamous pork-chop sandwich at Hardees has yet to be tasted by a Bulletin Staff member.

Anti-Protest Letter Draws More Ire On Campus

BENJAMIN JOHNSON
Guest Columnist

According to the Jan. 18 article in The Bulletin "Protest Of Inauguration Is A Protest Of America's Past," exercising one's freedom of speech by peacefully protesting a presidential inauguration is considered unpatriotic and even dangerous.

Even though I am not a member of the Human Rights Club, I believe that the criticisms and stereotypes the guest columnist made about those associated with the Human Rights club are false. Many of the arguments that were presented in her article were erroneous and libelous.

I agree with the author's opinion that America is a great nation, and I am proud to call myself an American. America is a country that has always been driven by big business.

Those in the business community who work hard and take risks deserve their monetary rewards. However these are the only points with which the author and I can agree.

By presuming that those who are members of the Human Rights Club, and anyone protesting against the inauguration of George W. Bush, are communist is a misguided conclusion.

I have lived in the former Soviet Union, and America is by far a much better place to live. Here you have freedom of speech and the right to criticize the government without the fear of being dragged down to a basement and shot. The fact that you can protest and petition the government is something that many Americans take for granted.

I must remind people that those protesting at the inauguration are not protesting against America's government and its presidency. They are voicing their views against the man George W. Bush and his political agenda.

If Al Gore were to have won the presidential election by the same margin as George W. Bush, undoubtedly there would have been people demonstrating against Al Gore and the Democratic Party.

The author claimed those protesting the inauguration of George W. Bush are unpatriotic, and are insulting those who have served in our Armed Forces. She claims that those Americans that are unwilling to go to war are unpatriotic. I must remind her, an enemy that was determined to invade our country, and destroy our way of life attacked our country in World War II. Thus justifying a reason to go to war.

The Vietnam War saw American troops fighting under poor political and military leadership against a determined enemy. Vietnam was the first televised war that showed the American people what war really was like. It was a war that scarred my father physically and mentally.

If it were not for those protesting back home reminding our political leaders that they were not doing their job as public servants, then most likely the war would have been dragged out longer and resulted in more casualties.

There is patriotism in our country today that the author of the article clearly does not see. The Gulf War had a 90 percent approval rating, even though it was fought largely to secure America's supply for oil. America has learned its lessons from the Vietnam War. Just because Americans today are wearier about sending troops abroad, doesn't mean that they are any less patriotic.

Freedom of speech and the right to protest is a great thing that is worth protecting. It is a tool that our political figures use as feedback to know how well they are doing their job, and so that they do not become isolated.

Those who peacefully demonstrated at the inauguration are not rejecting the constitution and what it stands for. They are exercising their freedom of speech by voicing their political opinion.

Benjamin Johnson is a sophomore.

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in the stars

Aquarius - Though you have worked diligently, step by step, to get to where you long to be, you may find that things seem to be falling apart this week.

Pisces - If someone seems to be pushing their weight around trying to get you to do things that you have no intention of doing, you will naturally feel like having a word with them. Talk it out.

Aries - You may need to dig deep into your pocket for money that you just don't actually have at the moment.

Taurus - You may take objection to someone who seems to be interfering in your affairs a little too much lately. Be firm in words and actions.

Gemini - A shift in your routine may be causing you stress because you have to shift into a new way of doing things that could take a while to adjust to.

Cancer - Relationships may become more tense than usual this week. This is an opportunity to get things sorted out once and for all.

Leo - Someone in authority may not understand how talented and skillful you are at a certain task, simply because you have never had the chance to show them.

Virgo - You want to feel that the promises a certain person is making to you can be believed in and trusted, but over the next few days you will begin to ask questions.

Libra - If you are looking for any kind of financial assistance to enable you to do or something, you may encounter some resistance.

Scorpio - You may feel a sense of frustration this week as you find that certain people seem to object to a plan you have in mind. Be prepared to sit down and discuss it.

Sagittarius - It may seem you just cannot make any progress as far as getting to know someone special is concerned. Focus on something else and don't push it.

Capricorn - If you feel you can make a difference by determining to see something through to the end, even though it is proving nearly impossible, then you may have a lesson to learn over this week.



Photo courtesy of Linda Glass

Chemistry professor Raymond Scott unpacks for his stay in Haiti.



Photo courtesy of Linda Glass

Residents set up merchandise stands for Market Day.



Photo courtesy of Linda Glass

Raymond Scott leads local children in a march while playing bagpipes.

Helping Haitians Heal

By JULIE SHORT
Staff Writer

"I'm convinced that the folks here in the U.S. think they have problems. They don't have problems, they have perhaps inconveniences, but they don't have problems. If you want to know what problems are, you go to a place like Haiti, with no hope of getting out."

Professor Raymond Scott, chair of the chemistry department, summed up the nation of Haiti in one word: "chaotic."

He and three fellow members of Spotsylvania Presbyterian Church spent one week last month in the impoverished Cite Sol Eil, located in Haiti's capital city, Port-au-Prince. While there, Scott dispensed free medication to about 200 Haitians per day.

"Cite Sol Eil is a dump—the absolute garbage shoot of Port-au-Prince," Scott said. "It's where the people who have nothing end up."

But not all Haitians living in Port-au-

Prince are poverty-stricken. The very rich, Scott said, reside a short distance from the very poor.

"You'll see these multimillion dollar mansions sitting up on a hill in opulent luxury and right next to it is abject poverty," he said. Scott attributed the elaborate lifestyles of the wealthy to drug dealing, which he believes is the main cash flow operation for the Haitian economy.

Unemployment in Cite Sol Eil runs rampant. Cite Sol Eil is two square miles with a population of 400,000 people, and an unemployment rate of 70 percent. A resident of the city has a 50/50 chance of making it to his or her fifth birthday. Thus some Haitians, starving for work, resort to drug dealing for income.

The trip from the airport to Scott's hotel, Cocout Villa, provided him with his first glimpse of the turmoil plaguing Haitian society.

"Going from the airport to the hotel took about 40 minutes," Scott said. "There are no traffic lights. If you want to go that direction, whether you're on this side of the road or that side of the road, or up on the curb. And you have people going in both directions not paying attention to what side of the road they're on. There are giant potholes all over the place. Every once in a while you'll see an intersection with police, each with a very large gun, looking very intimidating, and everyone of them telling you to do something different."

Scott and other team members began each day of their week-long stay with breakfast at 7 a.m. Half an hour later, he hopped aboard a tap-taxi, the Haitian form of a taxi. It is a small pickup truck with an attached frame filled with benches for travelers. When one reaches his destination, he taps the side of the car, (hence the name tap-taxi) and the driver then stops the vehicle.

Scott's daily trip from his hotel to the clinic in Cite Sol Eil took about 45 minutes. The drive into the town, he said, was like entering another world.

"What looked like roads before completely disappeared, and now we had piles of garbage on the sides of the road, some of it burning and puddles of slime," Scott said. "There were many dogs roaming around poking through stuff. There were pigs, chickens, and goats everywhere."

"I think the most sickening thing I saw was when we took a walking tour of Cite Sol Eil. We were very careful of where we were stepping, around all this garbage and puddles of slime. I see this little kid, probably about 10 years old, walking along barefoot. He just walks right through one of those puddles."

Once the team members reached the medical clinic, about 200 Haitians in need of service would already be lined up outside the

building. Scott was amazed at the patience of the Haitian people.

"They will wait for hours and hours without a single complaint," he said. "You think about our society where someone gets annoyed when you drive up to a drive-up window and the person doesn't open the little door in 10 seconds. These Haitian folks will sit all morning, and if we're going to take a lunch break, it doesn't phase them. They are not impatient people. You can't be in that society."

The patients who come to the clinic, Scott said, cannot afford the Haitian hospitals.

"A good annual income for the 30 percent in Cite Olay who do have a job is \$3,000 a year, and that would be a really fine income," he said. "So what are they going to do? Even though there is a hospital, they can't go."

After a visit with one of the clinic's doctors, patients were then sent to the pharmaceutical station, where Scott filled prescriptions.

Since the majority of the patients were illiterate, instructions on taking the medication were presented using pictures. Interpreters helped to ease the language barrier between the Haitians and the staff.

"For someone to look at a patient in a friendly manner makes their day," Scott said. "If you put them on the shoulder it makes their week. They're very appreciative. They have nothing."

Haiti Outreach Ministries has been sending doctors, nurses, EMTs and other volunteers to Cite Sol Eil for the past seven years. The Outreach Ministry was established to provide financial support to a church built in Cite Sol Eil by Pastor Leon New D'Orleans and his wife, Jackie, in 1989. The couple also founded a school and clinic in the city.

Mary Washington Hospital sponsors medical trips to the country every three months through Haiti Outreach Ministries. Spotsylvania Presbyterian Church has also helped support New D'Orleans' clinic through financial donations and sending volunteers for almost eight years now. Occasionally, Haiti Outreach Ministries will allow individuals who are eager to serve, but have no medical training, like Scott, to work in the clinic of Cite Sol Eil.

Scott expressed no hesitation about returning to Haiti in the future.

"It's not the sort of thing where you come back and say, 'Boy, was that fun!' But you come back and say, 'Boy was that an impact,'" he said.

Upon returning to the United States, Scott said that the mere act of drinking water from an airport water fountain was a treat. "I don't think I was an outrageously selfish person before the trip, but I would be not inclined at all to feel that way now."

"We had piles of garbage on the sides of the road, some of it burning and puddles of slime."
Raymond Scott

Trixy Takes On Tanzania

By SARAH LUCAS
Assistant Features Editor

Just two short months ago, senior Trixy Franke was administering intravenous fluids and prescribing medication to patients at Heri hospital in Tanzania.

Among her most memorable patients was Theodora, an 11-year-old girl. Theodora, who had an infected and swollen ankle, waited a week until doctors found the right antibiotics to fight the infection.

Franke took a special interest in her, making sure her vital signs were taken three times a day and that she was taking her medication. Although the infection cleared up, the ankle joint deteriorated to the point where the bone was visible. Franke worried they would have to amputate the ankle, but it finally stopped decaying and started to produce new tissue. They put the joint in a plaster cast to let it heal to a 90-degree angle. Franke recalls teaching Theodora how to walk with crutches, and said that both she and her mother were overjoyed at her recovery.

Franke's six-month stay in Tanzania was a more educational experience than she had anticipated.

"I did a lot more than I expected," she said. "I ended up learning how to do dressing changes, injections, IVs, and I even got to do a C-section."

Franke, a biology and chemistry major and pre-med student, went on the trip through her Seventh Day Adventist church, which has been very involved with hospital missions. Franke presented her trip in a PowerPoint presentation on campus Jan. 19.

She spent about a year preparing for the trip, which included getting four vaccinations. Franke's planning did not prepare her, however, for her everyday experiences in Tanzania.

After arriving in Dar Es Salaam, the biggest city in Tanzania, Franke was surprised when she saw the lack of maintenance and upkeep of the buildings in the area. From there she took a three-day train ride to the town of Kigoma, which has only one paved road. The train, Franke said, travels very slowly and stops about every 10 minutes.

The aisles are narrow, allowing only one person at a time to pass through.

After she arrived in Kigoma, Franke traveled to Heri Hospital on the dala-dala, or bus, which is about as big as a mini-van but holds about 30 people, with the conductor hanging out the window. The trip is only 42 miles, but takes about three hours. Since few people in Tanzania have cars, most fork over the 100 shillings, or about 13 cents, to take the dala-dala.

Upon her arrival at the hospital, Franke quickly discovered many of the patients had not received adequate medical attention soon enough. As a result, many had Osteomyelitis, an infection in the bone that occurs when an open fracture is not treated with antibiotics. Surgery is then required to remove the infected bone.

Another common condition, unique to Tanzania, is Vesicovaginal Fistulas (V.V.F.), in which a tear develops between the vagina and the bladder in women who are in labor for too long.

"There's such a lack of [medical care in Tanzania]," Franke said. "It's very hard to find a qualified doctor."

Franke said the job did become easier once she learned enough Swahili to diagnose



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Senior Trixy Franke (above and below left) presents a slide show.



Joel Nelson/Bullet

Thrifty Theatre

by KIM WHITE
Assistant Features Editor

It was a dark and stormy Friday night, and all I wanted to do was go to the movies. Simple enough, so I thought. Unfortunately, I was wrong. What started out as an ordinary Friday night soon turned into one trauma after another. Anything that could go wrong, did.

First, I called up a few friends and asked them if they wanted to brave the storm and head out to see a movie. We agreed that we would try out the Virginians Movie Theatre and catch a flick. Being the only one who suggested this little adventure, it was my responsibility to find out what time the movie started and what the details. Simple enough.

I did what any intelligent college student would do, I got out my trusty Yellow Pages and looked up the Virginians. I dialed the number and waited patiently for the automated movie listing, only to be greeted by an operator saying, "The number you have dialed 5-4-0-8-9-8-1-2-6-0 has been disconnected. No further information is available."

I put away my phone book and took to the Internet. I searched several movie databases in order to find out the times for the evening's movies, again to no avail.

After recruiting some friends to call around and search more Web sites, I finally gave up and got in my car. I drove out in the rain to the theater on Lafayette Boulevard to find the listing of times once and for all. As I finished copying the very last time onto my rain-splattered paper, a man walked by and paused.

"Hey, do you know that those are not the right times?" he asked me.

I looked at him for a minute, sighed, and then walked inside to find the real story. I got the correct movie times and went home to tell my friends and decide what movie to attend.

The RC Theatres Virginians 4, formerly a Regal Cinema theater reopened on Dec. 15 after being closed because of a lack of funds. The Virginians, previously a discount theater, showed older movies no longer playing in the main cinemas, but not yet on video.

Jeremy Mathias, assistant manager of the Virginians said that the transfer in ownership resulted in more recent and more expensive movies.

"When Regal didn't want the building and RC theaters became the owners, they decided they didn't want second-run movies anymore," he said. "Now we keep up with the other theaters by showing new releases."

Showing these newer releases has caused the once low price of the Virginians to be raised to a competitive amount. The Virginians charges only \$6 after 8 p.m.

compared to the standard \$7. Any movie shown before 6:30 p.m. only costs \$4.

According to the Virginians manager, Josh Morris, there will now be a student discount.

"After 6:30, all students will be able to get in with their student IDs for only \$4.50," he said.

The age and the price of the movies were not the only things to change when RC Theatres took over the building.

"We painted everything, increased the lighting and we got new carpet and new floor tiles," Mathias said.

"We recovered some of the seats and remodeled the snack bar. We also replaced some of the projection stuff."

The project cost about \$40,000 according to Morris, who was transferred to the Virginians from the RC Theatre in the Outer Banks. He is one of the theater's 12 employees.

So far, the theater has not had an incredible turnout and the profits are not where they need to be for a full-scale remodeling, but the managers are optimistic.

"We are guaranteed the building until June with our lease," Mathias said. "If we pull up the profits, we will remodel completely. They have even suggested two stadium seatings."

In June, RC Theaters will reassess the theater and its progress.

"Right now things are slow and RC doesn't want to spend too much money just to get it going," Mathias said. "But we are hoping it will pick up."

The Virginians now has its recording line up and running, so patrons can call for the show times. Morris hopes to be back on the Internet soon.

It was still raining at 7 p.m. when we arrived at the Virginians. Six of my friends and I ran from the parking lot into the building, ready to purchase our tickets. The smell of buttery cinema popcorn filled the deserted lobby as we entered. As we each stepped up to the counter to



Joel Nelson/Bullet

Virginians assistant manager Jeremy Mathias dispensed hand-written tickets when the printer broke.

pay, we received an unusual ticket stub. Apparently the printer was not working, so instead of making official tickets, we received handwritten ones.

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Gemini - A shift in your routine may be causing you stress because you have to shift into a new way of doing things that could take a while to adjust to.

Cancer - Relationships may become more tense than usual this week. This is an opportunity to get things sorted out once and for all.

Leo - Someone in authority may not understand how talented and skillful you are at a certain task, simply because you have never had the chance to show them.

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Libra - If you are looking for any kind of financial assistance to enable you to go and do something, you may encounter some resistance.

Scorpio - You may feel a sense of frustration this week as you find that certain people seem to object to a plan you have in mind. Be prepared to sit down and discuss it.

Sagittarius - It may seem you just cannot make any progress as far as getting to know someone special is concerned. Focus on something else and don't push it.

Capricorn - If you feel you can make a difference by determining to see something through to the end, even though it is proving nearly impossible, then you may have a lesson to learn over this week.



Photo courtesy of Linda Glass
Chemistry professor Raymond Scott unpacks for his stay in Haiti.



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Residents set up merchandise stands for Market Day.



Photo courtesy of Linda Glass
Raymond Scott leads local children in a march while playing bagpipes.

Helping Haitians Heal

By JULIE SHORT
Staff Writer

"I'm convinced that the folks here in the U.S. think they have problems. They don't have problems, they have perhaps inconveniences, but they don't have problems. If you want to know what problems are, you go to a place like Haiti, with no hope of getting out."

Professor Raymond Scott, chair of the chemistry department, summed up the nation of Haiti in one word: "chaotic."

He and three fellow members of Spotsylvania Presbyterian Church spent one week last month in the impoverished Cite Sol Eil, located in Haiti's capital city, Port-au-Prince. While there, Scott dispensed free medication to about 200 Haitians per day.

"Cite Sol Eil is a dump—the absolute garbage shoot of Port-au-Prince," Scott said. "It's where the people who have nothing end up."

But not all Haitians living in Port-au-

Prince are poverty-stricken. The very rich, Scott said, reside a short distance from the very poor.

"You'll see these multimillion dollar mansions sitting up on a hill in opulent luxury and right next to it at object poverty," he said.

Scott attributed the elaborate lifestyles of the wealthy to drug dealing, which he believes is the main cash flow operation for the Haitian economy.

Unemployment in Cite Sol Eil runs rampant. Cite Sol Eil is two square miles with a population of 400,000 people, and an unemployment rate of 70 percent. A resident of the city has a 50/50 chance of making it to his or her fifth birthday. Thus some Haitians, starving for work, resort to drug dealing for income.

The trip from the airport to Scott's hotel, Cocout Villa, provided him with his first glimpse of the turmoil plaguing Haitian society.

"Going from the airport to the hotel took about 40 minutes," Scott said. "There are no traffic lights. If you want to go that direction, you go that direction, whether you're on this side of the road or that side of the road, or up on the curb. And you have people going in both directions not paying attention to what side of the road they're on. There are giant potholes all over the place."

Every once in a while you'll see an intersection with police, each with a very large gun, looking very intimidating, and everyone of them telling you to do something different."

Scott and other team members began each day of their week-long stay with breakfast at 7 a.m. Half an hour later, he hopped aboard a tap-tap, the Haitian form of a taxi. It is a small pickup truck with an attached frame filled with benches for travelers. When one reaches his destination, he taps the side of the car, (hence the name tap-tap) and the driver then stops the vehicle.

Scott's daily trip from his hotel to the clinic in Cite Sol Eil took about 45 minutes. They also drive into the town, he said, was like entering another world.

"What looked like roads before completely disappeared, and now we had piles of garbage on the sides of the road, some of it burning and puddles of slime," Scott said. "There were many dogs roaming around poking through stuff. There were pigs, chickens, and goats everywhere."

"I think the most sickening thing I saw was when we took a walking tour of Cite Sol Eil. We were very careful of where we were stepping, around all this garbage and puddles of slime. I see this little kid, probably about 10 years old, walking along barefoot. He just walks right through one of those puddles."

Once the team members reached the medical clinic, about 200 Haitians in need of service would already be lined up outside the

building. Scott was amazed at the patience of the Haitian people.

"They will wait for hours and hours without a single complaint," he said. "You think about our society where someone gets annoyed when you drive up to a drive-up window and the person doesn't open the little door in 10 seconds. These Haitian folks will sit all morning, and if we're going to take a lunch break, it doesn't phase them. They are not impatient people. You can't be in that society."

The patients who come to the clinic, Scott said, cannot afford the Haitian hospitals.

"A good annual income for the 30 percent in Cite Olay who do have a job is \$3,000 a year, and that would be a really fine income," he said. "So what are they going to do? Even though there is a hospital, they can't go."

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After a visit with one of the clinic's doctors, patients were then sent to the pharmaceutical station, where Scott filled prescriptions.

Since the majority of the patients were illiterate, instructions on taking the medication were presented using pictures. Interpreters helped to ease the language barrier between the Haitians and the staff.

"For someone to look at a patient in a friendly manner makes their day," Scott said. "If you pat them on the shoulder it makes their week. They're very appreciative. They have nothing."

Haiti Outreach Ministries has been sending doctors, nurses, EMTs and other volunteers to Cite Sol Eil for the past seven years. The Outreach Ministry was established to provide financial support to a church built in Cite Sol Eil by Pastor Leon New D'Orleans and his wife, Jackie, in 1989. The couple also founded a school and clinic in the city.

Mary Washington Hospital sponsors medical trips to the country every three months through Haiti Outreach Ministries. Spotsylvania Presbyterian Church has also helped support New D'Orleans' clinic through financial donations and sending volunteers for almost eight years now. Occasionally, Haiti Outreach Ministries will allow individuals who are eager to serve, but have no medical training, like Scott, to work in the clinic of Cite Sol Eil.

Scott expressed no hesitation about returning to Haiti in the future.

"It's not the sort of thing where you come back and say, 'Boy, was that fun!' But you come back and say, 'Boy was that an impact,'" he said.

Upon returning to the United States, Scott said that the mere act of drinking water from an airport water fountain was a treat. "I don't think I was an outrageously selfish person before the trip, but I would be not inclined at all to feel that way now."

Trixy Takes On Tanzania

By SARAH LUCAS
Assistant Features Editor

Just two short months ago, senior Trixy Franke was administering intravenous fluids and prescribing medication to patients at Heri hospital in Tanzania.

Among her most memorable patients was Theodora, an 11-year-old girl. Theodora, who had an infected and swollen ankle, waited a week until doctors found the right antibiotics to fight the infection.

Franke took a special interest in her, making sure her vital signs were taken three times a day and that she was taking her medication. Although the infection cleared up, the ankle joint deteriorated to the point where the bone was visible. Franke worried they would have to amputate the ankle, but it finally stopped decaying and started to produce new tissue. They put the joint in a plaster cast to let it heal to a 90-degree angle. Franke recalls teaching Theodora how to walk with crutches, and said that both she and her mother were overjoyed at her recovery.

Franke's six-month stay in Tanzania was a more educational experience than she had anticipated.

"I did a lot more than I expected," she said. "I ended up learning how to do dressing changes, injections, IVs, and I even got to do a C-section."

Franke, a biology and chemistry major and pre-med student, went on the trip through her Seventh Day Adventist church, which has been very involved with hospital missions. Franke presented her trip in a PowerPoint presentation on campus Jan. 19.

She spent about a year preparing for the trip, which included getting four vaccinations. Franke's planning did not prepare her, however, for her everyday experiences in Tanzania.

After arriving in Dar Es Salaam, the biggest city in Tanzania, Franke, was surprised when she saw the lack of maintenance and upkeep of the buildings in the area. From there she took a three-day train ride to the town of Kigoma, which has only one paved road. The train, Franke said, travels very slowly and stops about every 10 minutes.

The aisles are narrow, allowing only one person at a time to pass through.

After she arrived in Kigoma, Franke traveled to Heri Hospital on the dala-dala, or bus, which is about as big as a mini-van but holds about 30 people, with the conductor hanging out the window. The trip is only 42 miles, but takes about three hours. Since few people in Tanzania have cars, most folk over the 100 shillings, or about 13 cents, to take the dala-dala.

Upon her arrival at the hospital, Franke quickly discovered many of the patients had not received adequate medical attention soon enough. As a result, many had Osteomyelitis, an infection in the bone that occurs when an open fracture is not treated with antibiotics. Surgery is then required to remove the infected bone.

Another common condition, unique to Tanzania, is Vesicovaginal Fistulas (V.V.F.), in which a tear develops between the vagina and the bladder in women who are in labor for too long.

"There's such a lack of [medical care in Tanzania]," Franke said. "It's very hard to find a qualified doctor."

Franke said the job did become easier once she learned enough Swahili to diagnose



Joel Nelson/Bullet
Senior Trixy Franke (above and below left) presents a slide show.



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Thrifty Theatre

BY KIM WHITE
Assistant Features Editor

It was a dark and stormy Friday night, and all I wanted to do was go to the movies. Simple enough, so I thought. Unfortunately, I was wrong. What started out as an ordinary Friday night soon turned into one trauma after another. Anything that could go wrong, did.

First, I called up a few friends and asked them if they wanted to brave the storm and head out to see a movie. We agreed that we would try out the Virginians Movie Theatre and catch a flick. Being the person who suggested this little adventure, it was my responsibility to find out what time the movie started and work out the details. Simple enough.

I did what any intelligent college student would do, I got out my trusty Yellow Pages and looked up the Virginians. I dialed the number and waited patiently for the automated movie listing, only to be greeted by an operator saying, "The number you have dialed 5-4-0-8-9-8-1-2-6-0 has been disconnected. No further information is available."

I put away my phone book and took to the Internet. I searched several movie databases in order to find out the times for the evening's movies, again to no avail.

After recruiting some friends to call around and search more Web sites, I finally gave up and got in my car. I drove out in the rain to the theater on Lafayette Boulevard to find the listing of times once and for all. As I finished copying the very last time onto my rain-splattered paper, a man walked by and paused.

"Hey, do you know that those are not the right times?" he asked me.

I looked at him for a minute, sighed, and then walked inside to find the real story. I got the correct movie times and went home to tell my friends and decide what movie to attend.

The RC Theatres Virginians 4, formerly a Regal Cinema theater reopened on Dec. 15 after being closed because of a lack of funds. The Virginians, previously a discount theater, showed older movies no longer playing in the main cinemas, but not yet on video.

Jeremy Mathias, assistant manager of the Virginians said that the transfer in ownership resulted in more recent and more expensive movies.

"When Regal didn't want the building and RC theaters became the owners, they decided they didn't want second-run movies anymore," he said. "Now we keep up with the other theaters by showing new releases."

Showing these newer releases has caused the once low price of the Virginians to be raised to a competitive amount. The Virginians charges only \$6 after 8 p.m.

compared to the standard \$7. Any movie shown before 6:30 p.m. only costs \$4.

According to the Virginians manager, Josh Morris, there will now be a student discount.

"After 6:30, all students will be able to get in with their student IDs for only \$4.50," he said.

The age and the price of the movies were not the only things to change when RC Theatres took over the building.

"We painted everything, increased the lighting and we got new carpet and new floor tiles," Mathias said.

"We recovered some of the seats and remodeled the snack bar. We also replaced some of the projection stuff."

The project cost about \$40,000 according to Morris, who was transferred to the Virginians from the RC Theatre in the Outer Banks. He is one of the theater's 12 employees.

So far, the theater has not had an incredible turnout and the profits are not where they need to be for a full-scale remodeling, but the managers are optimistic.

"We are guaranteed the building until June with our lease," Mathias said. "If we pull up the profits, we will remodel completely. They have even suggested two stadium seatings."

In June, RC Theatres will reassess the theater and its progress.

"Right now things are slow and RC doesn't want to spend too much money just to get it going," Mathias said. "But we are hoping it will pick up."

The Virginians now has its recording line up and running, so patrons can call for the show times. Morris hopes to be back on the Internet soon.

It was still raining at 7 p.m. when we arrived at the Virginians. Six of my friends and I ran from the parking lot into the building, ready to purchase our tickets. The smell of buttery cinema popcorn filled the deserted lobby as we entered. As we each stepped up to the counter to



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athlete of the week

Brad Maynard

The New York Giants' punter who set a Super Bowl Record punting 11 times. Take that Ray Lewis!

Track Teams Look To Hurdle CAC Competition In 2001 Spring Season

By KEVIN HICKERSON
Staff Writer

The sign of a championship caliber program is when a team can dominate its conference or division almost every single year. Mary Washington College has its own version of the Chicago Bulls of the '90s right here on campus. Last year, both of Mary Washington men's and women's track and field teams won the Capital Athletic Conference title, dusting their opponents by more than 200 points. For the women, it was their seventh straight title and the men earned their second title in four years.

"Certainly our women's team has been fortunate to have good quality in a lot of events," said head coach Stan Soper. "If you look at our All-American list, you'll see that we have had a number of All-Americans over the years. Particularly in the last five to seven years, those girls were all around good athletes."

Even when the women's team did not perform at its peak in some events, it still managed to pull off victories.

"With some of the teams we've had in the past, we have not always had the quality in some of the events and we would have to ask a lot of those top athletes to move into some different events and perform," Soper said.

Senior Natalie Alexander and junior Jennifer McLaughlin lead a group of young talent into the season where, unlike last year, they have some holes to fill.

"We have some gaps in the field events," McLaughlin said.



The members of MWC men's track and field team looks to chase down their competition this spring.

Joel Nelson/Bullet

"This year we have so many freshmen and we have to have a few meets to come together as a team."

They meet this past Saturday at Christopher Newport University was more of a tune up for the rest of the season.

"This past week was about warming up and setting goals," said Alexander, who is The Bulletin's

business manager. "We are trying to find out where we are and now we have to concentrate to win as a team and the conference championship."

Last year's rookie of the year, sophomore S t a c i e Evans, set the school record for the 60-meter sprint at

Christopher Newport with a time of 8.23 seconds.

Senior Mike Merker, senior

Andy Ivie, and sophomore Bobby Bergin anchor the men's team whose main competitor in the conference is Salisbury State University.

"The conference championship is a little more competitive and we haven't won it two years in a row," Soper said. "It's been pretty much a two-team race between Salisbury and Mary Washington. In some years, they have the upper hand and some years we have the upper hand but it's certainly been quite a rivalry over the years."

Even though the Eagles lost people in key areas, Merker, who runs 400-meter hurdles, does not see last season as a fluke.

"I think our overall strength of

the team helped us last year," Merker said. "This year we have incredibly talented freshmen. I think the team will do as well or better than the team last year."

Bergin, who has already qualified for nationals in the high jump, has a lot of confidence.

"We have a lot of strong freshman and our sprinters are the best in the conference," Bergin said. "In (middle-distance), we're still solid even though we lost some guys."

The Eagles next meet is Feb. 10 at the Swarthmore College Invitational.

Freshman Dustin Yudowitch said he can't wait for the next meet.

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Not Seen, But Often There

By PHILLIP GRIFFITH
Assistant Sports Editor

Six years ago, recent college graduate Clint Often found himself searching for a profession he would enjoy, preferably one in sports journalism. He received a phone call from Jeff Krone, the sports information director of Frostburg State University, not realizing this call would change his life and eventually lead him to a job with a quaint liberal arts school in Frederickburg.

Often applied for and obtained a position that would allow him to assist Krone as a sports information director and, at the same time, attend graduate school. Often jumped at the chance and spent his next two years at Frostburg State. Afterwards, he heard of an opening of sports information director at Mary Washington College. He applied, and within a two-week period, Often became Mary Washington's Sports Information Director, which is a position that he both enjoys and has held for the last five years.

"The most enjoyable part of my job is I create the exposure for the programs," Often said. "A Division I athlete would be more likely to ask, 'What have you done for me lately?' The kids here, if something shows up on the Internet or on their home paper, they're very appreciative. I really enjoy dealing with the athletes here."



Clint Often keeps stats like no one else at MWC.

Phillip Griffith/Bullet

Often has become an enthusiastic supporter of athletics at Mary Washington College. He attends virtually every home competition, creates the programs for all MWC sports teams, frequently puts in 13-plus hour days, maintains the athletic Web pages, writes press releases, assists with scheduling, helps manage team statistics, promotes every sport and helps with game management.

"Obviously, someone in his position has a lot of responsibility," said Stan Soper, head coach for track and field. "He's very important to all of our programs and to the college as well."

Often's two years of working in Frostburg State's graduate assistant program were a major factor in employment at Mary Washington. Ninety-five percent of Frostburg's graduate assistants obtain jobs as a head sports information director. Currently, three sports information directors in the Capital Athletic Conference studied in Frostburg State's program.

Krone said he knew Often was right for the job after meeting him.

"He was interested," Krone said. "He was local. He knew the area. We hooked up, and we made an appointment. Clint was absolutely great."

With all of his school enthusiasm and hard work, Often is popular among both coaches and athletes alike.

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Cingular Confusion

Commentary By KURT THURBER

Sports Editor

Who won? I really need to know. I passed out before kickoff of Super Bowl XXXV, holding my breath for the start of "Survivor 2." You remember "Survivor": gay-naked guy, credit-card fraud wielding hussy and an endless laugh track (basically everything "Temptation Island" is not). My summer has never been better. Well, we all know sequeles are twice as good.

I mean you have 16 middle to upper class Americans who have to "rough it" in the Australian Outback. With the different backgrounds these people have, it is almost like the coy producers at CBS wanted conflict. Deb, the sassy corrections officer, was the first one voted off the island, not getting along with the scary red-hair lady with dreadlocks who cheated on her boyfriend with one of the sexy male singles (I know she looks innocent).

Then there is Jerri, the aspiring actress who will use her "Survivor" fame to make at least three B-movies before settling down into the mainstream world of straight-to-video adult films. Sesame Street eat your heart out!

Basically it is like filming the "The Real World" in Bulgaria, Romania, Chad, Cambodia and Siberia to name a few favorite spring break destinations. Except when things get to crazy or the 16 "heroes" can't take it they get voted off the island and back to the land of big screen televisions, the Back Street Boys and indoor plumbing. In Bulgaria (and maybe Frederickburg), the citizens have been waiting to get voted off their little slice of heaven for generations!

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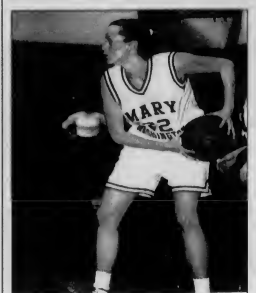
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The New York Giants' punter who set a Super Bowl Record punting 11 times. Take that Ray Lewis!

Track Teams Look To Hurdle CAC Competition In 2001 Spring Season

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The sign of a championship caliber program is when a team can dominate its conference or division almost every single year. Mary Washington College has its own version of the Chicago Bulls of the '90s right here on campus. Last year, both of Mary Washington men's and women's track and field teams won the Capital Athletic Conference title, dusting their opponents by more than 200 points. For the women, it was their seventh straight title and the men earned their second title in four years.

"Certainly our women's team has been fortunate to have good quality in a lot of events," said head coach Stan Soper. "If you look at our All-American list, you'll see that we have had a number of All-Americans over the years. Particularly in the last five to seven years, those girls were all around good athletes."

Even when the women's team did not perform at its peak in some events, it still managed to pull off victories.

"With some of the teams we've had in the past, we have not always had the quality in some of the events and we would have to ask a lot of those top athletes to move into some different events and perform," Soper said.

Senior Natalie Alexander and junior Jennifer McLaughlin lead a group of young talent into the season where, unlike last year, they have some holes to fill.

"We have some gaps in the field events," McLaughlin said.



The members of MWC men's track and field team looks to chase down their competition this spring.

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"This year we have so many freshmen and we have to have a few meets to come together as a team."

This past Saturday at Christopher Newport University was more of a tune up for the rest of the season.

"This past week was about warming up and setting goals," said Alexander, who is The Bulletin's

business manager. "We are trying to find out where we are and now we have to concentrate to win as a team and the conference championship."

Last year's rookie of the year, sophomore S t a c i e Evans, set the school record for the 60-meter sprint.

Christopher Newport with a time of 8.23 seconds.

Senior Mike Merker, senior

Andy Ivie, and sophomore Bobby Bergin anchor the men's team whose main competitor in the conference is Salisbury State University.

"The conference championship is a little more competitive and we haven't won it two years in a row," Soper said. "It's been pretty much a two-team race between Salisbury and Mary Washington. In some years, they have the upper hand and some years we have the upper hand but it's certainly been quite a rivalry over the years."

Even though the Eagles lost people in key areas, Merker, who runs 400-meter hurdles, does not see last season as a fluke.

"I think our overall strength of

the team helped us last year," Merker said. "This year we have incredibly talented freshmen. I think the team will do as well or better than the team last year."

Bergin, who has already qualified for nationals in the high jump, has a lot of confidence.

"We have a lot of strong freshman and our sprinters are the best in the conference," Bergin said. "In [middle-distance], we're still solid even though we lost some guys."

The Eagles next meet is Feb. 10 at the Swarthmore College Invitational.

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Not Seen, But Often There

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Often applied for and obtained a position that would allow him to assist Krone as a sports information director and, at the same time, attend graduate school. Often jumped at the chance and spent his next two years at Frostburg St. Afterwards, he heard of an opening of sports information director at Mary Washington College. He applied, and within a two-week period, Often became Mary Washington's Sports Information Director, which is a position that he both enjoys and has held for the last five years.

"The most enjoyable part of my job is I create the exposure for the programs," Often said. "A Division I athlete would be more likely to ask, 'What have you done for me lately?' The kids here, if something shows up on the Internet or on their home paper, they're very appreciative. I really enjoy dealing with the athletes here."



Clint Often keeps stats like no one else at MWC.

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Often has become an enthusiastic supporter of athletics at Mary Washington College. He attends virtually every home competition, creates the programs for all MWC sports teams, frequently puts in 13-plus hour days, maintains the athletic Web pages, writes press releases, assists with scheduling, helps manage team statistics, promotes every sport and helps with game management.

"Obviously, someone in his position has a lot of responsibility," said Stan Soper, head coach for track and field. "He's very important to all of our programs and to the college as well."

Often's two years of working in Frostburg State's graduate assistant program were a major factor in employment at Mary Washington. Ninety-five percent of Frostburg's graduate assistants obtain jobs as a head sports information director. Currently, three sports information directors in the Capital Athletic Conference studied in Frostburg State's program.

Krone said he knew Often was right for the job after meeting him.

"He was interested," Krone said. "He was local. He knew the area. We hooked up, and we made an appointment. Clint was absolutely great."

With all of his school enthusiasm and hard work, Often is popular among both coaches and athletes alike.

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Cingular Confusion

Commentary By KURT THURBER
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Who won? I really need to know. I passed out before kickoff of Super Bowl XXXV, holding my breath for the start of "Survivor 2." You remember "Survivor": gay-naked guy, credit-card fraud wielding hussy and an endless laugh track (basically everything "Temptation Island" is not). My summer has never been better. Well, we all know sequels are twice as good.

I mean you have 16 middle to upper class Americans who have to "rough it" in the Australian Outback. With the different backgrounds these people have, it is almost like the coy producers at CBS wanted conflict. Deb, the sassy corrections officer, was the first one voted off the island, not getting along with the scary red-hair lady with dreadlocks who cheated on her boyfriend with one of the sexy male singles (I know she looks innocent).

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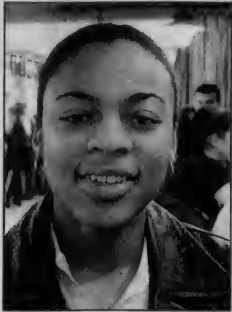
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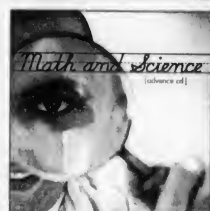
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See the review of Math and Science's self-titled album of soothing tunes next week.

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"Almost Famous." 10 p.m. (also 7 p.m. Sat. Feb. 3 & 7 p.m. Sun. Feb. 4) Dodd Auditorium. Tickets \$1 students.

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top ten movies

- 1.) The Wedding Planner
- 2.) Save the Last Dance
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- 4.) Traffic
- 5.) Sugar & Spice
- 6.) Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon
- 7.) Snatch
- 8.) Finding Forrester
- 9.) What Women Want
- 10.) Miss Congeniality

Coming Soon: "Left Behind," starring Kirk Cameron and Chelsey Noble. Rated PG.

source: <http://www.mrshowbiz.go.com>

quote of the week

"Everything our parents said was good for us is bad: sun, milk, red meat, college."

Woody Allen, "Annie Hall"

An Epicurean's Delight



And **Bistro 309** Offer Delectable Cuisine, Service And Decor

By JENNA FRYE
Staff Writer

Within the last year, two very up-to-the-minute bistros have landed on the historic streets of downtown Fredericksburg, shouting to epicureans everywhere, "put down your deli sandwiches, we have arrived!" If you've ordered your last house special with lo mein instead of fried rice and the sight of late night pizza is enough to send you barreling to use your meal plan, then, my culinary comrade, have I got two restaurants for you.

Bistros 623 and 309, while totally unrelated, other than their nominal nomenclature, offer exactly the dining experience the charmingly camp city of Fredericksburg has been missing. Whether you are looking for a simple and affordable night of snacks and cocktails or are ready to dine to the full implications of the term, these bistros offer some of the most inspired and passionate menus this side of the Rappahannock.

623, an American Bistro and Tapas Bar, is nestled on the corner of Charlotte and Caroline streets. Guests can choose to dine in either the trendy tapas bar or the more formal American bistro side of the restaurant. Tapas, or "little bites," are



Patrons at Bistro 309 on William Street enjoy a chic atmosphere and elaborate dishes in one of the two new bistros downtown.

Spanish appetizers, and are currently the rage in cities around the world. The bright walls at 623, with wrought-iron gate pieces artfully arranged as sculpture, create a festive and comfortable atmosphere.

The menu changes each season to incorporate the freshest tastes of available produce. For a minimal investment of \$4 to \$8 season to incorporate the freshest tastes of available produce. For a minimal investment of \$4 to \$8 a plate, a taste of Spain can be yours to share with a group of friends or a special someone.

I recommend the baked goat cheese and tomato or portabella fritters this season, but the cheese plates, salads and wine are always tasty, too.

Dinner for two on the tapas side could run you as little as \$15 to \$20 if you play your plates right. Head one warning, per my experience, the colored pencils on the table are not intended to be used for circling all the dishes you want, but instead for marking up the paper tablecloth

with tie-tac-toe or what have you.

On the other side of the dining spectrum is Bistro 309, located on William Street. I tip my hat to the interior designer, because the inventive décor is nothing short of a masterpiece. Pastel jewel tones provide the delicate ambient backdrop for the rotating gallery of local artists' work. No detail was overlooked at 309, ambient backdrop for the rotating gallery of local artists' work. No detail was overlooked at 309, ambient backdrop for the rotating gallery of local artists' work.

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Rock, Reggae And A Little Bit Of Ambiance

Old Friends, New Friends Make Up Local Band McLaws Drive

By RUTH CASSELL
Scene Editor

On a cool Sunday morning in January, at a café table outside Hyperion, Kenny Ellinger expressed his humility to me as he explained the philosophy of his band, McLaws Drive, on playing live music. I drank a latte to keep warm, and we continued to engage each other in interesting conversation and storytelling for over an hour.

"We almost feel bad charging money, because we're all just having fun," Ellinger said. "I don't think the people should pay to watch us have fun."

Personally speaking with each of the six members of local down-home music sensation McLaws Drive has led me to appreciate their fun music and attitude, but also their dedication.

By lighting some incense and playing a few familiar covers, McLaws Drive tries to create a little ambiance at every show and make everyone more comfortable, according to Ellinger. The music, a light mixture of catchy rock 'n' roll and reggae, maintains the upbeat and pleasant mood.

Although they have only been playing together seriously for a year, the band members have known one another for a good part of their lives.

Recent addition Jay Harward, who plays rhythm and lead guitar, graduated from Mary Washington College. The five other members grew up in Fredericksburg.

Brandon Newton, lead singer, songwriter and acoustic guitarist for McLaws Drive, said they all connect well because they are good friends and have known each other for a long time.

"We are all extremely blessed to have had all of this happen to us," Newton said. "It all started with Scott Mason and I playing

together at VCU—he actually taught me how to play guitar."

The connections between the members of McLaws Drive came before their college days. Scott Mason, also lead songwriter and guitarist, Josh Schwenk, bassist, and Newton all attended Chancellor High School. The three teenagers practiced throughout high school, playing music whenever they could. But, according to Ellinger, no one took the music as seriously as when he, Mason and Newton played together during the semester they all attended VCU.

When the guys returned to Fredericksburg, they met back up with Schwenk, who helped make the trio acoustic, and they all began practicing their music more intensely. They met Alan "Moe" Marsh, who plays harmonica, congas, and percussion, in June of last year, and since then things have started picking up quickly.

"We began practicing more and we began tightening up, then, by stroke of luck, we met Moe and we've really taken off from there," Kenny said.

Marsh, former member of local band Ask Fred, helps to round out McLaws Drive's sound. His drums add distinctively to the reggae sound that the band says they hope to work more toward in the coming months. The addition of third guitarist Harward, former member of local band Don't Panic who joined in November, also fills out the energetic sound and attitude of McLaws Drive.

"I'm definitely thankful for them asking me to join. They've been the best. There's no kind of new guy hazing ritual, no throwing a creme pie in my face during the first show or anything," Harward said.

These six young men show their dedication to their music and to each other by taking time away from their own professions and families to practice their music for 20 hours a week. McLaws Drive's success derives from their dedication to maintaining quality sound and creating music that encourages their fans to enjoy themselves.

"Whenever we do practices, that is my favorite part of the day," Marsh said. "Whenever we play, that is all I care about. It's the same with when I step on a stage. We just like to play and have a good time, and definitely when you come to a show all that comes across."

McLaws Drive practices in a warehouse on Lafayette Boulevard provided by Ellinger's father. As with everything else that has helped the band get and stay on their feet, McLaws Drive appreciates the support and generosity of Mr. Ellinger. "We can play as late and as loud as we want. Since we got in there things have really started happening for us," Ellinger said.

The group also gave respect and love to their soundman Chubby Culbertson, who Ellinger said is to thank for their consistent sound because he views his



Photo Courtesy of McLaws Drive

Four of the six members of up and coming local rock and reggae band McLaws Drive do what they do best—relax and have a good time.

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Framed Again

Campus Club Highlights Obscure Films

By KRISTEN SKOVE
Staff Writer

Andy Gale, co-president of the film club Frames Per Second, knows what makes a movie great.

"A great movie has to always engage me in some sort of thought...or create a world," he said. "You're not even aware you're watching it."

That's what Frames Per Second is all about: great movies. The group is growing on the Mary Washington College club scene and has brought such films as "Risky Business" and Stanley Kubrick's "2001: A Space Odyssey" to campus. This semester, the club has another great lineup in store.

Since the club was founded in the spring of 1995, students' film tastes have broadened and become more serious, according to Gardner Campbell, associate professor of English and advisor to the club.

"[Students are] more sophisticated about film than they were...more willing to experiment with independent and international films," Campbell said.

Campbell places a great deal of credit on the club and the shoulders of co-president Jim Triplett, a fan of gangster movies, Robert De Niro and Martin Scorsese, who took over as co-president in spring of 1999.

Through hard work and massive publicity, Triplett, a senior, and others raised the club's profile. Through hard work and massive publicity, Triplett, a senior, and others raised membership levels from a handful of film students to a thriving group of members from all facets of the Mary Washington College community.

Triplett and Gale had met and become friends through Frames Per Second during their freshman year.

Instead of choosing movies by heading to Blockbuster and grabbing the first thing they find on the "New Arrivals" rack, the group chooses films by picking out specific actors, directors and genres, and voting on which ones to see for the upcoming viewing. Triplett and Gale then choose some lesser known movies featuring the winners, and the group not only gets to see its favorite pick, but gains exposure to unfamiliar film forms.

What makes a movie good enough to be shown at a viewing?

"There are a lot of movies that I like because they're so bad," Triplett confessed. But he added, "It all depends on the director and the set designer—and the music is really important. It's got to have an art quality to it. It can't just be purely entertainment."

But bashful Triplett has refused to show any one of the three movies he recently made with his family's camcorder, despite pressure from Gale and others to show the flicks.

Gale and Triplett do agree about what makes a movie a masterpiece. Gale said that a movie needs to have some form of social commentary and humor, and not simply be a melodrama.

"Everything can be film," Gale said, but that doesn't mean every film has to be good. Both he and Triplett grimaced at the thought of "Episode One: The Phantom Menace."

"If it weren't for Jar-Jar Binks, it would have been so much better," Triplett declared. "I just felt uncomfortable every time he said something."

Gale agreed wholeheartedly.

"The excitement about it made it...beatable," he said. This is a remarkable statement for Gale, a big fan of the original Star Wars trilogy.

So what makes Frames Per Second any different from Cheap Seats, the second-run movie group that provides popular movies in Dodd? First of all, it's free. Second, the members of the club are the ones with the power. Third, the movies Frames Per Second shows are ones that the members are less likely to have seen already, and are more likely to think about.

Coming up: "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance," a western directed by John Ford. Look for Mers around campus for date and time of showing.

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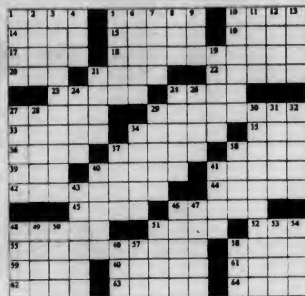
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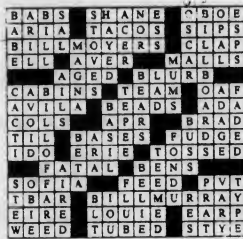
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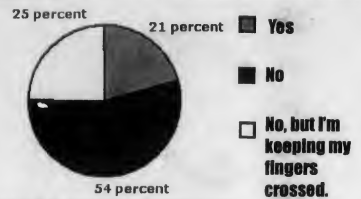
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Freshman Praises 'March For Life' Story

Editor:

I am writing to compliment Sarah Lucas on her article about the March for Life ("Stop In The Name of Life," Jan. 25). I thought she covered it well, and gave great insight on her beliefs and the convictions of other pro-life people.

She stated the views clearly and tactfully, getting the purpose across without preaching. I think it's one of the best articles I have read in The Bulletin. By the way, I am pro-choice, and for the first time I was able to read an article that didn't give me the impression that I was being

preached at or judged.

Lucas had plenty of opportunities to slam pro-choice people in her story, or state her beliefs in a less tactful and more challenging way. But she didn't, and I think that's great.

I'm glad there are still people who know they can state their beliefs without condemning the other side, even if they strongly oppose it.

Lindsay Beaton

Freshman

Abortion Isn't So Black And White

Editor:

This academic year, I have noticed a marked increase in the number of articles dealing with the subject of abortion. While this is an important issue, I wonder if it might not be handled in a more moderate manner.

I respect Assistant Features Editor Sarah Lucas' (author of "Stop in the Name of Life") convictions and admire her dedication, but I also wonder if she might not need a new hobby, such as rock collecting. Don't get me wrong, I'm a huge fan of Catholicism. Before being excommunicated, some of my own relatives were Catholic. And I wrote in Dan Quayle for Philadelphia's last mayoral race.

However, I do object to the lack of depth with which this subject has been handled. Yes, you can be anti-abortion and pro-choice. Yes, you can be Christian and

believe abortion is the worst kind of murder and still understand that you have no right to regulate other people's morals. There is a middle of this road, but The Bulletin has completely ignored it.

I believe this paper owes its readers more than one-sided articles filled with powerful, almost to the point of ridiculous, language matched by angry, and no less polarized, student letters. To simplify this issue in terms of black and white and turn it into a Jerry Springer-esque circus shouting match, is to deny its importance and resorts to a simplistic form of journalism, which The Bulletin is well above.

Abby Harris

Sophomore

Student Demands Comedy Central

Editor:

There is something very necessary about television in college. It gives you a lovely break from the daily stresses of the "real" world and of those that accompany college life.

Yet, every time I turn on my television it is a mournful experience as the one channel I think most college students could appreciate most is not offered with our frugal cable system: Comedy Central.

How can we be lacking the one station that is

guaranteed to inspire laughter? I'd really like to see the cable system changed. Sure, we get a few channels, but often it's the same channel with slightly better reception.

Thus I would like to implore the administration, for the future happiness of the student body, please consider changing cable systems to include Comedy Central.

Elizabeth Mills

Sophomore

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Has Chivalry Gone The Way Of The Dinosaurs?

Editor:

I was walking across campus carrying two heavy loads of bags in each hand. It was the kind of walk where you stop every 20 feet or so to lower the bags onto a bench, or the ground, simply to give your arms a rest. I am not a very large person, so to anyone who saw me, it was obvious I was struggling.

I could have asked for help. I know, but after the first 50 yards or so, I became interested to discover if anyone would notice. Students, male and female, passed me by one after another without a single glance in my direction. Many sported athletic jackets for this team or that team—evidence that they were clearly in better

cardiovascular condition than this slightly overweight adult student in her 40s.

After having lived in New York City for the past 21 years, you'd think I'd be used to this kind of thing. But I can tell you, on the streets of Manhattan or Brooklyn, I rarely was passed by without an offer of help. (Some with questionable motives, of course, but you learn how to weed them out.) The seeming self-centeredness of the students was shocking to me.

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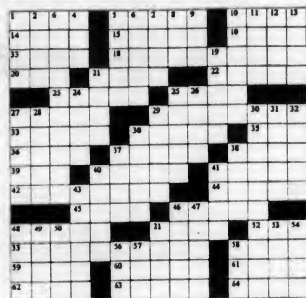
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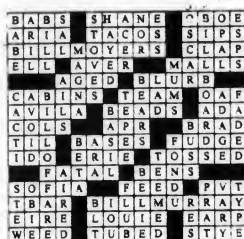
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12 Tribe
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21 Lulu accessories
24 Flat broke
25 Jerks
26 Wallet stuffers
27 Ireland's symbols
28 Lulu greeting
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30 Uncle Remus character
31 Aromatic herb
32 Festivities
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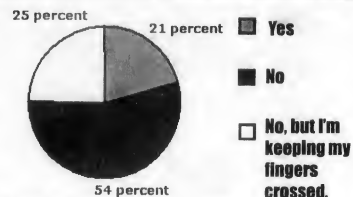
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Freshman Praises 'March For Life' Story

Editor:

I am writing to compliment Sarah Lucas on her article about the March for Life ["Stop In The Name of Life," Jan. 25]. I thought she covered it well, and gave great insight on her beliefs and the convictions of other pro-life people.

She stated the views clearly and tactfully, getting the purpose across without preaching. I think it's one of the best articles I have read in The Bulletin. By the way, I am pro-choice, and for the first time I was able to read an article that didn't give me the impression that I was being

preached at or judged.

Lucas had plenty of opportunities to slam pro-choice people in her story, or state her beliefs in a less tactful and more challenging way. But she didn't, and I think that's great.

I'm glad there are still people who know they can state their beliefs without condemning the other side, even if they strongly oppose it.

Lindsay Beaton
Freshman

Abortion Isn't So Black And White

Editor:

This academic year, I have noticed a marked increase in the number of articles dealing with the subject of abortion. While this is an important issue, I wonder if it might not be handled in a more moderate manner.

I respect Assistant Features Editor Sarah Lucas' (author of "Stop in the Name of Life") convictions and admire her dedication, but I also wonder if she might not need a new hobby, such as rock collecting. Don't get me wrong, I'm a huge fan of Catholicism. Before being excommunicated, some of my own relatives were Catholic. And I wrote in Dan Quayle for Philadelphia's last mayoral race.

However, I do object to the lack of depth with which this subject has been handled. Yes, you can be anti-abortion and pro-choice. Yes, you can be Christian and

believe abortion is the worst kind of murder and still understand that you have no right to regulate other people's morals. There is a middle of this road, but The Bulletin has completely ignored it.

I believe this paper owes its readers more than one-sided articles filled with powerful, almost to the point of ridiculous, language matched by angry, and no less polarized, student letters. To simplify this issue in terms of black and white and turn it into a Jerry Springer-esque circus shouting match, is to deny its importance and resorts to a simplistic form of journalism, which The Bulletin is well above.

Abby Harris
Sophomore

Student Demands Comedy Central

Editor:

There is something very necessary about television in college. It gives you a lovely break from the daily stresses of the "real" world and of those that accompany college life.

Yet, every time I turn on my television it is a mournful experience as the one channel I think most college students could appreciate most is not offered with our frugal cable system: Comedy Central.

How can we be lacking the one station that is

guaranteed to inspire laughter? I'd really like to see the cable system changed. Sure, we get a few channels, but often it's the same channel with slightly better reception.

Thus I would like to implore the administration, for the future happiness of the student body, please consider changing cable systems to include Comedy Central.

Elizabeth Mills
Sophomore

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Has Chivalry Gone The Way Of The Dinosaurs?

Editor:

I was walking across campus carrying two heavy loads of bags in each hand. It was the kind of walk where you stop every 20 feet or so to lower the bags onto a bench, or the ground, simply to give your arms a rest. I am not a very large person, so to anyone who saw me, it was obvious I was struggling.

I could have asked for help. I know, but after the first 50 yards or so, I became interested to discover if anyone would notice. Students, male and female, passed me by one after another without a single glance in my direction. Many sported athletic jackets for this team or that team—evidence that they were clearly in better

cardiovascular condition than this slightly overweight adult student in her 40s.

After having lived in New York City for the past 21 years, you'd think I'd be used to this kind of thing. But I can tell you, on the streets of Manhattan or Brooklyn, I rarely was passed by without an offer of help. (Some with questionable motives, of course, but you learn how to weed them out.) The seeming self-centeredness of the students was shocking to me.

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Republican Speaker Forced To Cancel Appearance At Fredericksburg Forum

By CRYSTAL SANTERRE
Staff Writer

Scheduled speaker Mary Matalin will not appear with her husband, James Carville, at the Fredericksburg Forum political discussion on April 4 at Mary Washington College. The cancellation comes as a result of her recent appointment as counselor to Vice President Dick Cheney. John Sununu, who served as White House Chief of Staff from 1989 to 1992, will speak in her place.

Matalin and Carville are infamous for their extreme opposing political views. Carville was a political guru for former President Clinton, while Matalin has worked closely with the Republican party. Sununu will represent the conservative position during the discussion entitled "A Partisan View from Inside Washington," while Carville will represent the liberal

position.

Because Matalin is now a federal appointee, she must follow strict specifications for her speaking schedule. However, according to Ashby, Matalin sent a list of suggested speakers to complement her husband's discussion.

Those recommendations included Pat Buchanan, Oliver North, and Newt Gingrich, who spoke with Carville at the Richmond Forum last spring.

According to Louise Ashby, director of the Fredericksburg Forum, Sununu readily agreed to speak at Mary Washington College for \$12,500. The college had previously planned to pay Carville and Matalin \$35,000 together, but will now pay Carville \$17,500.

In addition to serving in George Bush's administration, Cuban-born Sununu received three degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, governed the state of New Hampshire for three terms, and taught as an associate professor at Tufts University College of Engineering. He is currently the president of JHS Associates, Ltd., and partner in a financial firm.

Amanda Culler, a senior, said she is not happy about the change in the program because the two men will not have the same entertainment value that Matalin and Carville might have had with one another.

"Part of the reason I wanted to hear them speak was because they're together and married," Culler said.

Ashby said she is not worried about losing ticket sales for the event. She said she only needs to sell 150 additional tickets to reach Dodd Auditorium's 1,550 capacity.

Ashby has received three or four complaints over the phone about Matalin's cancellation, and about 10 inquiries concerning ticket sales since the press release on Matalin's cancellation was sent out. She believes this may mean that the press release



Republican John Sununu will replace Matalin at the forum in April.

merely reminded people to purchase forum tickets.

All of the season ticket holders in Fredericksburg area households recently received a mailing informing them of the change.

Although some people may be upset about the cancellation, Ashby said that the tickets state that no refunds will be given and the program is subject to change for unforeseen circumstances.

For some students, it might be interesting to hear Sununu speak after he resigned in 1992 over his controversial use of government airplanes for personal use, but senior Chris Opp said she is still disappointed in the change.

"It's just not the same," Opp said. "I'll still go see it, though, to give my support to Carville and because I already bought my tickets last fall."



Mary Matalin will not appear in the Fredericksburg Forum.

Parker Leaves College After Eleven Years

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in, it was tough," Parker said. "Now, I'm more free, and I'm still doing what I enjoy."

Parker anticipates that his role with the Boys and Girls Club will be an easy transition from his work at Mary Washington College.

"My passion has always been working with students," Parker said. "Come down and see me, you'll probably find me playing flag football, reading books, playing pool or table tennis, or giving an inspirational speech to the kids. I can't wait to get out there," he said.

Many of Parker's colleagues said it comes as no surprise that he has become a prominent figure with the organization.

"He is truly dedicated to student's success. The Boys and Girls Club is so in line with his philosophy of outreach," Vashee said. "He is the master of motivation."

Parker said he feels that his choice will not only give him greater opportunities to continue to work with the Fredericksburg community, but it offers him the chance to spend more time with his 12-year-old son. Parker said family has always been an important part of his life, and that he has based his time at the college on advice that he remembers his mother passing down to him.

"She said 'Surround yourself with good people,' and I have been blessed over the years with a wonderful staff," Parker said. "I will miss all the friendships I established and I'm going to miss the people. It's not about a program or activity, it's about them. They were always there for me."

Parker began his tenure at Mary Washington College in August 1989. Originally hired as an associate dean for admissions, Parker stayed at that job for only a year.

In that time, the college saw its largest minority recruitment, in addition to a 25 percent increase of the African-American student applicant pool, according to Parker.

Following his year with admissions, Parker brought before President William

Anderson an idea to revamp the Office of Minority Student Services into the Office for Multicultural Affairs.

"In the beginning it was a much smaller operation. The idea was a vehicle and mechanism for diversity that [Anderson] was very interested in," Parker said.

In September 1990, Parker became the first director of multicultural affairs and worked over the years to help develop an organization that focused primarily on African-American student interests into the Multicultural Center, a multidimensional organization that serves a diverse range of student needs.

Starting from two organizations, the Asian Student Association and the Black Student Association, the center has expanded over the years to include eight student of color organizations. Through the college, Parker has served as director for numerous projects, including Project Soar, a program to encourage minorities to attend college. According to Parker, over 95 percent of graduates from that program have gone on to college.

"We experienced a tremendous growth in those early years," Parker said. "And it's not so much that we founded anything, we simply were there to plant the seed for the seed to grow."

According to Vashee, the strength and roots that seed has developed into will allow the Multicultural Center to continue the programs and traditions Parker worked to form.

"I will miss his humor and his stable presence. But we haven't missed a beat since he left because the programs he helped develop are so strong. I think that best reflects the legacy he gave us," Vashee said.

Parker said he also has high hopes for the future of the Multicultural Center.

"I hope always that the Multicultural Center will continue to have an inclusive, complementary role at Mary Washington College," Parker said. "It is the genesis of diversity, and the pulse and driving force behind the encouragement of diverse viewpoints. And I will always be there both spiritually and physically, as a friend, supporter and confidant," Parker said.

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